

Dear JCC Community,

It has been a busy two weeks since my last newsletter. Congratulations to Professor Olivier Sparagano, our new Acting Head of Public Health and Infectious Diseases. I would like to thank Profs. Klaus Osterrieder (Head) and Sophie St Hilaire (Acting Head) for their service to PH. Congratulations also to Dr. Pawel Beczkowski, our new BVM Program Leader, and Assistant Dean and Director of Veterinary Affairs.

The CityU Information Day on 22nd October was a great success. I was pleased to see over 200 prospective students and their parents, turn up to hear about the BVM Program. Thanks to our admissions Chair Dr. Stefan Hobi, the BVM Program team and the JCC Development Office team as well as our BVM students for their inspirational talks and events management. I am sure we will see some stellar students joining our program as a result of these presentations, which showcased the quality and talent of our BVM program and all who are involved in it.

Another highlight was the Annual Dinner Gathering of the Association of Veterinary Public Health and Animal Welfare. Prof St. Hilaire and 8 of our BVM students represented the JCC at this event - you can see some photos and comments from our students attached.

The Second Annual High Table Dinner, organised by the Veterinary Medicine Society (VMS) was held at the Eaton Hotel last Friday evening. It was a joyous, fun-filled night expertly hosted by the VMS, with interesting talks from the VMS reps and Dr. Eryl Done about our new CityU farm, as well as excellent food and an amazing number of prizes. But most of all, it was great to be able to socialise together.



From November 5<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Professor Sheng Cheng will be Acting Dean of the JCC. During this time, I will be visiting the University of London's Head of School and Principal of the Royal Veterinary College, Professor Stuart Reid and their accreditation team, as well as meeting with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Thanks to all the teams working hard to collect the data we need for our dual accreditation. Several Faculty will be visiting us over the coming months to help us optimise our bid for this, starting with Prof. Norm Williamson on November 28th.

I wish you all the best over the coming fortnight.

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## News From Our Departments

### BMS, PH and NS

The Departments of BMS, PH and NS have been focusing on GRF submissions over the last two weeks, and will have more updates to share in the next newsletter.

### VCS

**November 4, 2022 (Fri)**

#### Teaching

- Led by **Dr Kate Flay** and **Dr Rebecca Parkes**, our Year 3 students had visited the new City U Farm in Lam Tsuen on 1 & 3 November, 2022 to learn the bovine physical examination on the Jersey cows as part of the Veterinary Practice and Professional Studies 1 course.



- **Professor Joe Kornegay**, VCS Adjunct Professor, specializing in neurology and pathology, is visiting CityU for a month (19 October - 18 November 2022) to teach for VM4114 Small Animal Clinical Studies 2 and VM4115 Equine Medicine and Surgery.

## Research

- Publications:
  - **Paweł M. Bęczkowski, Julia A. Beatty**, Feline Immunodeficiency Virus: Current Knowledge and Future Directions, *Advances in Small Animal Care*, Volume 3, Issue 1, 2022, Pages 145-159, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.yasa.2022.05.007>
  - Monteiro, B.P., Lascelles, B.D.X., Murrell, J., Robertson, S., **Steagall, P.V.M.** and Wright, B. (2022), 2022 WSAVA guidelines for the recognition, assessment and treatment of pain. *J Small Anim Pract.* <https://doi.org/10.1111/jsap.13566>
  - Moittié, S., Jarvis, R., Bandelow, S., Sarah B., Philip D., Melissa G., Christopher R., Kate W., Matyas L., **Kerstin Baiker**. Vitamin D status in chimpanzees in human care: a Europe wide study. *Sci Rep* 12, 17625 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-022-21211-6>
  - Watanabe, R.; Monteiro, B.P.; Ruel, H.L.M.; Cheng, A.; Marangoni, S.; **Steagall, P.V.M.** The Effects of Sedation with Dexmedetomidine–Butorphanol and Anesthesia with Propofol–Isoflurane on Feline Grimace Scale© Scores. *Animals* 2022, 12, 2914. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ani12212914>
- **Prof Paulo Steagall** and his team developed Feline Grimace Scale (FGS), a tool that uses changes in facial expressions to assess acute pain in cats. The new FGS factsheets are ready for printing and to be used in practice. Please visit [www.felinegrimacescale.com](http://www.felinegrimacescale.com) and download your copy in English, Spanish, French or Portuguese.
- Hosted by **Dr Kate Flay**, Conservation Ecologist Dr David Hamilton was invited to give a presentation on Tasmania Devils Facial Tumour Disease at the JCC Research Seminar on October 26, 2022. To revisit the recording, please contact us at [vcs@cityu.edu.hk](mailto:vcs@cityu.edu.hk).



## Service

- **Prof Paulo Steagall** and **Dr Antonio Giuliano** are both at the [World Small Animal Veterinary Association \(WSAVA\) Congress 2022](https://www.wsva.org/congress-2022) in Lima, Peru to meet the veterinary specialists across the globe and to serve at the Therapeutic Guideline working group and Oncology working group respectively with a mission to improve and promote animal welfare in veterinary practice and to general public. **Prof Steagall** has also presented on a special Shaping the Future session on the "Issue of Drug Accessibility in Veterinary Medicine" at the congress.
- **Prof Paulo Steagall** gave 8 hours of lectures at a meeting of the Portuguese Small Animal Veterinary Association (15-16 October) and acted as a moderator of the Anaesthesia and Pain Management Program of the Southern European Veterinary Association (20-22 Oct).

- **Prof Paulo Steagall**, core member of the Global Pain Council, has launched the new edition of [WSAVA guidelines for the recognition, assessment and treatment of pain](#) at the WSAVA Congress 2022 in Lima, Peru. This is an important work with positive impact on animal welfare.



## Media

- [“Large numbers of European chimpanzees suffer from lack of vitamin D, says new study”](#) 21 October 2022, Phys.Org (**Prof Kerstin Baiker**, lead pathologist of the study)